

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1. (original) A method for establishing the concealment order of macroblocks in a rectangular array of having opposed sides, comprising the step of:
concealing the macroblocks having missing/corrupted pixel values by progressing in a direction of one of the larger of the sides of the array.
2. (original) The method according to claim 1 comprising the step of progressively concealing in opposite directions towards each of the two larger sides of the array until reaching a central portion of the array.
3. (original) A method of concealing macroblocks in a rectangular array of N rows and M columns where N is larger than M, comprising the step of:
concealing macroblocks having missing/corrupted pixel values by progressing horizontally by rows in at least one of a top-down and bottom up directions.
4. (original) The method according to claim 3 wherein concealment progresses horizontally by rows simultaneously in a top-down direction and in a bottom-up direction.
5. (original) The method according to claim 3 wherein concealment progresses horizontally by rows exclusively in a top-down direction.
6. (original) The method according to claim 3 wherein concealment progresses horizontally by rows exclusively in a bottom-up direction.
7. (original) The method according to claim 3 wherein macroblocks in each row are scanned in one of a left-to-right direction and a right-to-left direction.

8. (original) The method according to claim 7 where the macroblocks in successive rows are alternately scanned from left-to-right and right-to-left.

9. (original) The method according to claim 3 wherein the macroblocks in all rows are concealed from left-to-right.

10. (original) The method according to claim 3 wherein the macroblocks in all rows are concealed from right-to-left.

11. (original) The method according to claim 5 wherein macroblocks are concealed in even rows from left-to-right.

12. (original) The method according to claim 5 wherein macroblocks are concealed in odd rows from right-to-left.

13. (original) The method according to claim 5 wherein macroblocks are concealed in even rows from right-to-left.

14. The method according to claim 5 wherein macroblocks are concealed in odd rows from left-to-right.

15. (original) The method according to claim 3 further comprising the steps of:

arranging a non-rectangular array of macroblocks having missing/corrupted pixel values into at least two rectangular sub-arrays of macroblocks prior to undertaking concealment, and
concealing each of sub-arrays independently.